



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held April 26, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation to approve appropriation adjustments necessary to realign and adjust the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget based on changing financial needs for various County budget units; also approve interim ordinance authority for 27 Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) II positions, and authorize the Probation Department to fill three Supervising DPO I positions, and 27 DPO II positions using the interim authority and existing unbudgeted ordinance authority.

Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"With Los Angeles County's public health care system facing a meltdown in 2007, the Board needs to take all necessary action to identify funds to save a system that serves millions of patients. The County must work with State and Federal officials to create viable solutions to revamp our health care system.

"Board members also believe the safety net must be balanced with competing priorities to repair infrastructure and provide quality parks, libraries, beaches and other public facilities that have been neglected for the past five years."

Therefore, Supervisor Molina made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burke, that the Board approve the Chief Administrative Officer's attached recommendation as amended to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to set aside the \$20 million from the Hall of Administration project to the Health Department's Budget Designation and also set aside \$9 million from the Food Stamp Penalty budget item to the Health Department's Budget Designation. Said motion failed to carry by the following four-fifths vote: Ayes: Supervisors Burke, Yaroslavsky and Molina; Noes: Supervisor Antonovich (Supervisor Knabe being absent).

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“In his request for budget appropriation adjustments for Fiscal Year 2004-05, the Chief Administrative Officer is recommending that the Board of Supervisors commit \$20 million for the potential seismic repair/replacement of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. There does not appear to be any urgency to committing these funds, particularly when there are many unresolved issues relative to this project.

“The Board has yet to decide whether to repair the Hall or build a new building. Litigation between the County and its insurers is still pending. Although the County will receive compensation from a private developer relative to the Grand Avenue Project, a portion of which may be committed to the Hall, the developer has yet to submit a detailed plan for the Board’s review.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board approve the Chief Administrative Officer’s attached recommendation as amended to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to retain the \$20 million, identified for the potential seismic repair/replacement of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, in the Appropriation for Contingency. Said motion failed for lack of a second.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Molina, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Burke, Yaroslavsky, Antonovich and Molina; Noes: None (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the Chief Administrative Officer’s attached recommendation, with the exception of the following requests for appropriation adjustments, which were continued for two weeks to May 10, 2005:
 - \$20 million Appropriation for Contingency for the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Seismic Repair/Replacement Project; and
 - \$9 million Nondepartmental Revenue Deed Transfer designated for Food Stamp Error Rate Sanction; and

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2. Continued two weeks to May 10, 2005, Supervisor Molina's recommendation that the Board approve the Chief Administrative Officer's attached recommendation as amended to instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to set aside the \$20 million from the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration project to the Health Department's Budget Designation and also set aside \$9 million from the Food Stamp Penalty budget item to the Health Department's Budget Designation.

Further, Supervisor Yaroslavsky requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board prior to the June 2005 Budget Deliberations, with a strategy that is sustainable, including sources of revenue, to manage the impending fiscal problems in the Health Department's budget over the next few years.

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Attachment

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